

Peer Review

Review of: "Expanding Contracting Authorities Across the Department of Health and Human Services Family of Agencies to Address Critical Public Health Needs"

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Justification is required for the "Waver" mechanism. Need to explain briefly about certain FAR clauses that were waived in 2021 and what the reason behind their reinstatement in 2022 has been, as it has been so obstructive to current vendors.

Need to solidify the "Why now". The conclusion of the commentary should clearly integrate the intended reforms and preparedness at present to withstand the threats of future health uncertainties, reflecting a proactive approach.

Need to confirm the consistency of the acronym "MCM" throughout the commentary.

Need to check the consistency of the footnotes and their numbers.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.